above the contribution paid by the villagers, would it not be possible to expedite the work?

DEWAN.—It is a very useful project and I hope it will be possible to take it up soon.

ANOTHER MEMBER.—In view of the fact that the project was prepared long ago, is it not necessary to revise the estimate now?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—The whole question is under scrutiny.

THE SAME MEMBER.—Are not the Government aware that other tanks below Kurdihalli Tank are also getting silted up on account of the delay in execution of this work?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—Yes, that is an inevitable result.

Extension of Electric Line to Madhugiri and Koratagere Taluks.

MESSRS. K. SRINIVASIAH (Madhugiri Taluk) and K. N. SIDDARAMA SETTY (Madhugiri Municipality).—

Q.—25. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many applications have been received for the supply of electric pumps from the raiyats of Madhugiri and Koratagere Taluks?

(*b*) What action have the Government taken on these applications?

(*c*) What will be the initial cost for extension of electric line for this purpose?

(*d*) Have not the municipalities of Madhugiri and Koratagere prayed for extension of electric line either from Tumkur *via* Koratagere or from Goribidnur?

(*e*) Has not a survey also been made and are they not incessantly requesting for supply of electricity to their areas also?

(*f*) Is any guarantee given by them and if so, how much?

(*g*) What proportion does this bear to the initial cost to be incurred for supply of electricity?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—25. (*a*) 42.

(*b*) Estimates have been prepared on the basis of the requirements of these applicants and of the municipalities.

(*c*) Rs. 1,78,000.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No guarantee has been given.

(*g*) Does not arise.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Is it true that the Government asked for a guarantee of a 10 per cent return on the funds to be invested on the proposed line as against the usual guarantee of 5 per cent?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—In every case the gross return should come up to 10 per cent so that the net income will be 5 per cent. There is no departure in this case from the usual procedure.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Did the Government ask the Madhugiri and Koratagere Municipalities for any contribution?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—No; the municipalities have nothing to do with it.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—With reference to the answer to question (*f*), may I again ask whether the Government are certain that no guarantee has been given?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—Guarantee has not been given, and even if it is given, the municipalities may not be able to meet their obligations under the guarantee.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Have Koratagere and Madhugiri Municipalities made and broken such promises in the past?

SECRETAEY TO GOVRRNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.—Unfortunately, that has been the experience generally. If, however, definite promises are made in this case, there will be no objection to consider them.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—Are not the Government aware that the two municipalities are able to give and respect the required guarantee?

DEWAN.—So long as extension of power to more important places has not been achieved, it will not be possible to take up lines such as that under reference. As regards the guarantee,

it is necessary that the Deputy Commissioners concerned should certify to the financial stability of the guarantors. Otherwise, Government cannot be expected to invest money and carry out works in anticipation of recovering the promised amounts from any party or institution.

MR. K. SRINIVASAIAH.—I quite understand it. If the municipality gives a definite guarantee, what will be the objection to the department taking up the work?

DEWAN.—Even then, the department cannot take up works all over the State simultaneously. If the guarantee is sound, there will be no objection to the work being done when its turn comes.

MR. K. N. SIDDARAMA SETTY.—If the promise is given immediately, how long will it take to execute the work in question?

DEWAN.—I am afraid not for a year more.

Giving Representation in the Services in Proportion to the Population of each Community.

MR. K. SIDDALINGAPPA (Koratagere Taluk) and all the other members of the Tumkur District.—

Q.—27. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Do Government agree that Government appointments should be in proportion to the population of each community?

(*b*) What is the population of all (different) backward communities in the State and what should be the percentage of Government appointments in proportion thereto in the following grades and what is the number and proportion of appointments being made at present:—

Rupees 25, 25 to 50, 50 to 100, 100 to 250, 250 to 500, 500 to 1,000, and 1,000 to 1,400?

(*c*) On what data do the Government class any particular community as "backward" for purposes of granting scholarships and giving Government appointments?

(*d*) What other communities do the Government think deserve to be classed as "forward" as a result of the appointment of the Miller Committee and the Recruitment Board?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—27. (*a*) No.

(*b*) Attention is invited to Table XVII of the Mysore Census Report of 1931, Volume XXV, Part II, wherein the population of the several recognised communities is given. In view of the reply to clause (*a*), no reply is needed to the rest of the clause.

(*c*) All communities, other than Brahmins, which are not adequately represented in public service are termed "backward" for purposes of appointments. All castes, tribes or communities which have less than five per cent of their total population literate in English are termed "backward" for purposes of scholarships.

(*d*) None.

MR. K. SIDDALINGAPPA.—Is it not desirable to give representation in the services according to the proportion of main castes if not on considerations of sub-castes?

DEWAN.—It is neither possible nor desirable.

MR. K. SIDDALINGAPPA.—What is the principle followed now?

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—The principle of representation to all communities as far as possible; but not on the basis of numerical proportion.

Grant of Relief during Years of Drought.

MESSRS. S. SORAPPA (Sira Taluk) and SHEIK MOHADIN SAB (Sira Municipality).—

Q.—28. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) How many years have elapsed after the introduction of re-survey in the Tumkur District?

(*b*) Are the wet and *bagayet* crops now in the same state as they were then?

(*c*) If not, are Government aware that the raiyats are put to hardship by having to pay heavy assessments?

(*d*) How many units of water were the tanks retaining when they filled up?